

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
LAKE CHARLES DIVISION

**STATE OF LOUISIANA, STATE OF
ALASKA, STATE OF ARKANSAS,
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY,
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, STATE OF
MISSOURI, STATE OF MONTANA,
STATE OF OKLAHOMA, STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, STATE OF WEST
VIRGINIA, AND STATE OF WYOMING,
AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE,
INTERSTATE NATURAL GAS
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, and
NATIONAL HYDROPOWER
ASSOCIATION,**

Plaintiffs,

v.

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY and MICHAEL REGAN, in his
official capacity as Administrator of the
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,**

Defendants.

Civil No. 2:23-cv-01714

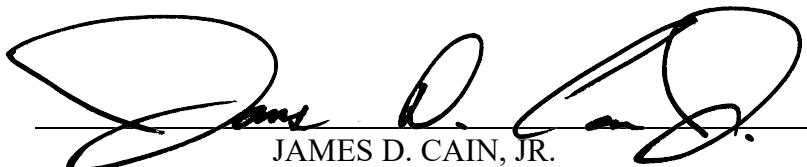
**Judge James D. Cain, Jr.
Magistrate Judge Thomas P. LeBlanc**

ORDER GRANTING STATES' MOTION TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 24 and Local Rule 7.6, the States of California, the California Water Resources Control Board, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, and the District of Columbia (collectively Movant-Intervenor States) move for leave to intervene for the purpose of defending the challenged *Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification Improvement Rule*, 88 Fed. Reg. 66,558 (Sept. 27, 2023) (2023 Rule).

The Court having reviewed the pleadings on file herein, hereby GRANT the States' motion to intervene.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in Chambers on this 23rd day of January, 2024.



JAMES D. CAIN, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE